



PROMETHEUS

*He gave man speech, And speech created thought,
Which is the measure of the universe.*

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VIET-NAM: The Issue At Stake.

Frederick H. Bowman

Why should we support the government's policy on South Viet Nam?

The American people should stand behind the government to show the Communists that we are united against their wars for national liberation in South Viet Nam. What happens in the end will have a great effect on all of South East Asia and Africa. If the Communists win, the underdeveloped countries of Africa and Asia will be prime targets for the Communists. The people in the underdeveloped countries of Africa and Asia will surrender to the Communists because they think, due to the victory in Viet Nam, Communism is the road to their dreams. The troops of the United States, South Korea and Australia are fighting for an idea, which the people of the United States and the free world cannot let the Communist destroy in Viet Nam. That idea is democracy and that should be reason enough to support the policy in Viet Nam.

The people who protest against the policy should re-examine their reason for protesting. Each person should put himself in the position of the Vietnamese people or one of the American Soldiers in Viet Nam and ask himself, "How would I react?" Each person should examine the facts, then make a decision through reason why we are in South Viet Nam.

The United States has a commitment to aid the people of South Viet Nam in defeating the Viet Cong and to preserve democracy for South East Asia. Many groups in the United States and in foreign countries suggest that the United States withdraw its military commitment to the South Vietnamese government. They should ask themselves what would happen if the United States did decide to

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A. Morse

Why is the United States fighting a war in Viet Nam? To protect the poor Vietnamese against Communism? To help the poor Vietnamese gain a high standard of living and freedom? These are the reasons we are given. But what, in fact, are our troops doing in Viet Nam? They are destroying towns to the north and south of the demilitarized zone, and even "accidentally" attacking that. They are removing people from their homes and depositing them in temporary camps. I, for one, cannot see how such actions help anyone except ourselves.

By opposing Communism, we are supposedly gaining prestige. By fighting a war we intend to reap tremendous spoils.

We do not (supposedly) want to pull out of the war, since we would thus; 1) lose face, and 2) permit Communism in South Viet Nam. But how could we lose face since most of the other countries disagree with our stand? And, by not permitting Communism in Viet Nam--which the Vietnamese want anyway--we are denying the very freedom we are supposedly fighting for.

With the increase of American soldiers, there has been, and will be, a corresponding increase in the troops of the opposition. Eventually, this proportional growth must lead to one of two alternatives: 1) a peaceful end through conference, or 2) a spread of the war to possibly world-wide dimensions. The decision is ours to make.

Heap on more wood!--the
wind is chill;
But let it whistle as it
will,
We'll keep our Christmas
merry still.

Scott, Marmion



EVERYMAN: A Report.

Richard C. Thayer

Everyman, or Mankind (George Sibley) is summoned by the messenger of Death. O despair! A moment more! But no, the moments rest but to allow man to choose a companion on his journey. Who will come? Fellowship (James Frigon), Kindred (Pat Stachelek), Cousin (Sharon Matera), Goods (Carol Buckley)? Who shall prove true? Good Deeds (Susan Howes)? Who? Is this soul to travel up alone to meet the anger of the Seat of Heaven? Time, time will see and coil on coil will set the story with its end, while the Epilog (Steve Rayomnd) of then will now apply. Behold the mystery of man at the hour of the Mystery of Christ; celebrate the prelude of That Birth in attendance of this piece of life, illumined in colors, Costumes, and stage direction supreme to match the baubles of the age. Two representatives of the play will be given on Tuesday and Thursday of the week preceding Christmas vacation. Mr. Drabeck is turning out as fine a staging of the work as any in the world of the theatre advance, with costumes designed by his wife. This year there will be tinsel on the tree, holly on the door and warmth in all hearts for a job well done, a precedent to be copied in our case -- jewels of history to be!

At Christmas play and make
good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once
a year.

So You Want To Be An Intellectual?



by William Sweeney
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A dictionary will give you to understand that an intellectual is one distinguished by his supposedly superior powers of discernment, while a teacher is likely to say simply that the distinguishing characteristic is no more than a prevailing interest in ideas. Young people take much more happily to the latter explanation. Is there not, after all, something inaffably romantic about Ideas and, especially, Ideals? Is it not wonderful to find ourselves in the company of so many others who also feel that the materialistic preoccupations of our elders are just so many illusions which they and the world would be better off without?

And yet, do we not feel uneasy at times when we wonder about the permanence of our ardent affair with ideas? Is this just a fling? Do these ideas have any relevance to the pragmatic business of acquiring our daily bread? After all, can one build a life on dissatisfaction with the current state of things? Certainly all intellectuals are in some degree Platonist -- the world we see about us is at best inadequate compared to what should be. We wonder. And our minds are almost made up by the discovery of a second consideration--our inevitable unpopularity with the majority.

It is hardly a secret that intellectuals have had, through the history of man, a tenuous relationship at best with their contemporary "power structure." This, of course, has never been much of a con-

sideration to those who are not immediately threatened by that "power structure." The hirsute, flop-footed type strikes an observer as having little to lose anyway; while in the protecting aura of academic freedom, students and teachers have been relatively free to indulge in objective consideration of the socially sacrosanct. In many foreign countries, student days comprise the only time of life in which the citizen can afford this "fling" with ideas and ideals. Post-scholastic life is too circumscribed by the very practical necessity of keeping a (often governmental) job and staying out of official disfavor. This explains, in part at least, the violence with which these students expound their civic ideals.

The nice thing about the United States in this respect is that we are aware of our future opportunities to work to change the evils we see in the social structure or to campaign against the positions of our political administrations, from the local to the Federal level. Our continuing freedom to do so is, of course, a precious privilege that will ever be, as it is now, imperiled by those who cannot or will not distinguish dissent from treason.

Which brings us to the realization that the post-scholastic intellectual, with his often unwelcome mental combination of objectivity and idealism, will have little sympathy from his peers should he be so foolish as to be consistent. Most of us aren't, of course. Knowing objectively, for instance, that the loyalty oath, of itself, could not possibly keep a dedicated and actually subversive enemy of our country out of a teaching position, and knowing further that it is an insult to the ideals of the kind of people who are attracted to teaching--we still submit to the whole silly business.

So you want to be an intellectual? Well, you can be the quiet sort and keep your ideas to yourself. Most of us are of this sort, too. After all, who wants to wind up like Socrates or Christ?

Let's Keep Christ in Christmas!

Evelyn Shields

What will your Christmas be like? Will you spend numerous shopping days buying expensive gifts for your family and friends? Will your home be decorated from top to bottom with bells, tinsel, mistletoe, and other Christmas decorations? Will the children in your family be eager for the arrival of that jolly fat man dressed in red, carrying a sack of wonderful toys, games, and Christmas candy over his back? Is this what Christmas really is?

NO!! Have we all forgotten why we really celebrate December 25? The birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the true Spirit of Christmas! Let's remember this and bring the true meaning of Christmas into our lives by celebrating the birth of Christ with our families and friends and by worshipping Christmas Sunday in our church. Let's keep Christ in Christmas!

And What Do You Want For Christmas?" That jolly old professor, Santa Claus, asked That of our faculty and got the following answers:

Frustrated English Teacher: Students who follow directions!
Speech Instructor: Demos-thenes!

French Department: Argent!
Librarian: A telephone!
Business Circle: Real Stocks and Bonds!

German Department: Studenten!

Drama Coach: Actors!
French, Spanish, German: More Money!

Secretarial Science: Jobs!
Science: Frogs!! Diamonds!
Uncontaminated Chemicals!!

History: A Guillotine!
Math: Bigger lunch!
Psychology: I have enough problems now!

Recreation: Vacation!
All Faculty: Vacation!!!

So now is come our joyfull'st feast;
Let every man be jolly;
Every room with ivy leaves is drest,
And every post with holly.

George Wither, Christmas Carol.

Qu'est-ce Que Noel?

In any language, Christmas is a spirit within us that has been awakened by the many holidays we have participated in. It is the time to bake, and to cut out red, green, and snowy things to paste on homemade Christmas cards. Christmas seems to belong essentially to the young and the very old. Santa Claus becomes a motivating force towards good among the children. They believe wholeheartedly in the fairness and generosity of this old man. As they grow older, the magical mystery of Santa Claus is replaced with the realization that Santa is the Christmas representative of giving. Christmas triumphs the causes of generosity and high spirits; nothing can be called charity, but an attempt to open the hearts of all human beings to the beauty of the season. The Christian religion is founded of the reason for Christmas, the birth of the Christ Child. Annually, on the Eve of Christmas, churches hold a midnight service to recognize the coming of Jesus Christ. It is a time to give thanks for godsend of the past year and to pray for better years for the future. As Christina Hole so aptly put it in Christmas and its Festivals: "Christmas is not just a date in time and a recurring festival; but an experience of the human heart, centuries old and vividly colored by ancient thought and custom, yet every year as new and fresh as the universal hope it represents"

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Linda Siteman

Dear George . . .

People are receiving the darndest things in the mail lately. The other day I got a big carton, chock full of literature. It was a sort of "instant conservative" kit. You read four pamphlets and one book and you're hooked for life. You try to put these ideas into practice and you're imprisoned for life.

Somebody sent me a note asking me what I thought about that Simon and Garfunkel record, "The Sound of Silence." Well, it took me nineteen tries before I finally figured out some of the words. It seems that this person is walking along when he is startled by "the glare of a neon light that split the night.....and the people bowed and prayed to the neon God they made....the sign said the words of the prophets are written on subway walls and tenement halls". It sounds good, but as an ex-native of Brooklyn, I have seen many words written on subway walls and tenement halls, and I can assure you that no prophet ever wrote them. If you ask me, that sign wasn't the only one lit.

"How did you like the Geology Field Trip?" The same to you, fella! Let's put it this way: I have a new category of student to add to Dr. Johansson's list. In addition to "rock-hounds" and "Pebble pups" I would add muffer ripper-offers and human sacrifices.

I don't know about you, but my World Lit. notes sound like hell. (Underclassmen please note: we are reading Dante!)

"My friend got a higher mark than I did on the Accounting exam, and she used my notes! How can I get even? Hmm, that sounds serious. The best way for you to get even would be to lock yourself in her bathroom, run 1/3 of a tub of hot water, and dump in 40 boxes of Jello.

"What do you think of sex on Campus?"

Yes, it's there all right.

"Academic pressures are too much for me, what can I do?"

Dear Can: Crying might help; if that fails, I suggest you see a horror movie.

Speaking of movies, I'd like to digress for a moment. If I may--and there's no reason why I may not, since this is my column--to mention that the college will feature a film festival with some of the best contemporary flicks. A film will be shown every other week, beginning around December 4.

There are twelve movies in the series; donation will be 50 cents per film, or you can get a season ticket for \$5 and save a buck. Plans aren't definite yet, but watch for more on this.

Personal to Sex: how long can you tread water?*

That takes care of my space in this issue, but before I go let me leave you with one final word--mrazafiggymop.

*the Flood, Noah, Bill Cosby, etc., Okay?

Plans Underway

For New Campus

Linda Siteman

Plans are currently underway for the construction of the new Greenfield Community College campus. Tremendous enthusiasm has been shown by the faculty and student body over the prospect of having a part in the actual preliminary planning.

The immediate task is the selection of an architect. An Architect Selection Committee has been established for this purpose. It is considering all possibilities in order to insure that the best architect available be chosen.

On the committee are Joseph DeMasi, GCC faculty; Morton Slavin, Chairman GCC Advisory Board; Dr. Lewis Turner, President GCC; Bernard Drabek, GCC faculty; Clement Durna; Homer Gunn, sculptor and teacher; Dr. Warren Johansson, Dean of Students, GCC; Dr. Howard Jones President Northfield and Mt. Hermon Schools; Harold LeVanway Editor Recorder-Gazette; Mrs. Robert Mayers, GCC Advisory Board; Dr. Jacob Padgug, Dean of Faculty, GCC; Edwin Peck, GCC faculty; Miss Victoria Schuck, Mt. Holyoke faculty; Roger Sitterly, Selectman; John Spencer, Building Superintendent Amherst College; Wendell Streeter, County Commissioner, and Thomas Symons, President Franklin Savings Institution.

Faculty members have met several times to discuss features they would like to see included in the plans.

"We're just dreaming, now," stressed Robert Keir, Director of the Student Activities.

The faculty is by no means saying what the new campus will include, but merely suggesting ideas to be considered in the incorporation of the over-all plan, what they believe the ideal facilities to be.

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New Campus

The language department, for instance, would like to have several language labs, complete with tapes and booths for extensive listening-speaking training.

The recreation department has suggested the construction of a bowling alley on campus for non-resident students, and a gym equipped with swimming pool.

Students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions, too. The Student Council is currently working on the selection of a student to represent the student point of view in the committee.

Before anything definite is decided, the committees will make several trips to other area colleges, including Amherst College and AIC, to study what has been done there.

At present, the new campus is a dream; but it is a dream in the process of becoming a reality.

Coming! ay, so is Christmas.

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Man
Each
Rapid
Run
Yearns,

Child
His Race of
Innocence
Suddenly
Turns
Mad
And
Senseless action to joy

And
Love
Learns of this new born Boy!

Renaissance At Christmas

Richard Charles Thayer

Let I reborn, rejoice!
And show myself pink
In flesh and innocence.
Let ours be made one voice!
And one the attitude
Of every penitence,
Beaten from each breast,
Of sorrow and unrest.

Let God denied, be just!
At this the season
Of our deliverance.
Let Christ, the child, entrust
His Love unto mankind,
That when the circumstance
Of sin demands its lamb,
Might we stand and say: I am!

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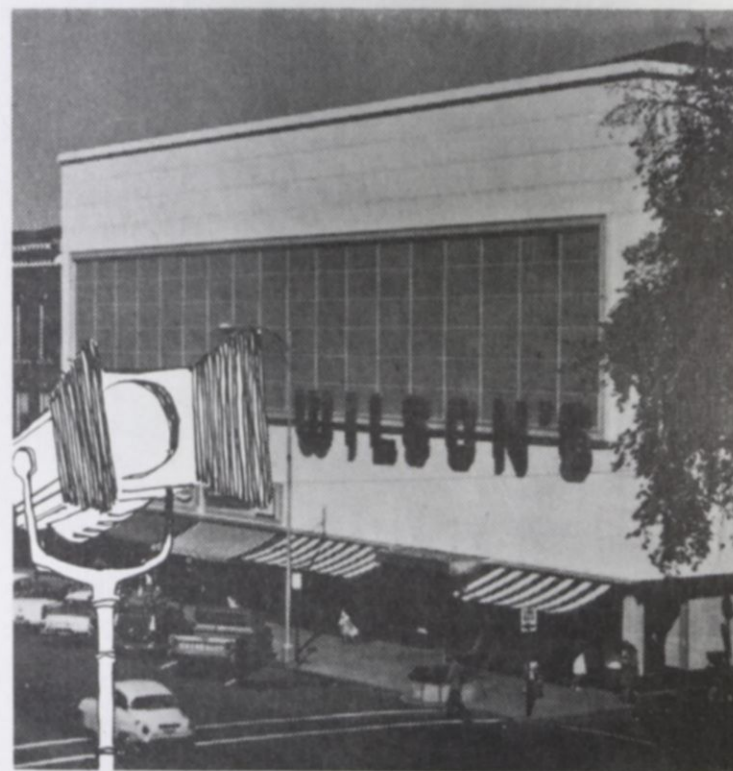
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withdraw its troops from South Viet Nam. The answer is that the Communists would gain control of the South Vietnamese government and have a base for further so called "war for national liberation" in South East Asia and the Pacific. The Communists could gain control of all of South East Asia with a population over 900 million. With the Communists in control of such a vast population and territory, they would be a threat to any free country in the Pacific. The United States has to remain in South East Asia until the tide of Communism is stopped.

The second reason for the United States remaining in South East Asia is to guarantee the right of self determination to the people of South Viet Nam, through free elections, unthreatened by outside influences or pressures. We have a commitment not only to the people of South Viet Nam but a commitment to all free people of South East Asia to aid them in safeguarding their freedom and independence from Red Chinese Domination.

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